GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4102
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SARVAPRIYA YOJANA
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarvapriya Yojana has proved to be a failure throughout the country, especially in Rajasthan state;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantum of grants given to the state Governments by the Central Government,especially to Rajasthan state so far under this scheme; and

(d) steps taken by the Union Government to make this scheme successful?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The Government of India has launched Sarvapriya Scheme in July 2000through National Cooperative Consumers Federation Ltd. (NCCF) which envisages distribution of eleven selected commodities of daily use. This optional and voluntary scheme is for operation in collaboration with the Civil Supplies Departments of the States and their respective State Agencies.The NCCF has informed that the response to the Scheme is not encouraging as many State Governments and their agencies have reportedly similar or near similar schemes in existence. Till October 2001, the NCCF had supplied consumeritems worth Rs. 254 lakhs (approx.) under the scheme.

(c) : The scheme does not envisage any financial assistance/subsidy by the Government of India to anyone.

(d) : Union Government is encouraging the State Governments to implement the voluntary scheme in their respective States/UTs.